

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. Application of: Sumiyo TANAKA
For: IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE
SEARCHING METHOD, AND A RECORDING
MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING
PROGRAM
Confirmation No: 8382
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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

REQUEST FOR STATUS

This Request is filed in response to the Notice of Allowance dated February 21, 2008, which provides for a response period ending May 21, 2008.

Status Of Application

Claims 1-33 are allowed.

Information Disclosure Statement

Please note that an Information Disclosure Statement, along with a PTO Form 1449, was filed on February 23, 1999; however, we received a copy of the PTO Form 1449 but the form was not initialed by the Examiner. Enclosed is a copy of the Form 1449 for the Examiner's convenience. Acknowledgment of the initialed document is respectfully requested.

Replacement Drawings

A formal Replacement drawing for Fig. 1 was filed with the Applicant's Response on August 26, 2003 (mailed to the Patent Office on August 21, 2003) in response to the Examiner's Final Rejection dated April 21, 2003. Applicant respectfully requests the acceptance and approval of the Replacement drawing.

Any fee required by this document other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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